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A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.321(d))**

Identification of Person(s) Making This Disclaimer

I, Karen A. Buchanan, represent that I am the attorney of record.

EXTENT OF DISCLAIMANT'S INTEREST

The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns is in the whole of this invention.

DISCLAIMER

(Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection Over A Pending Application)

Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patents granted on the following patent applications:

Application No. 09/882,363, filed on June 15, 2001;
Application No. 11/410,515, filed on April 25, 2006;
Application No. 11/678,763, filed on February 26, 2007;
Application No. 11/739,326, filed on April 24, 2007; and
Application No. 11/769,434, filed on June 27, 2007;

as shortened by any terminal disclaimer. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and any patents granted on the above-listed patent applications are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, disclaimant does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. Sections 154 to 156 and 173 of any patents granted on the applications forming the basis of the double patenting rejection, namely, any patents granted on:

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in the event that one or more of the above-listed patent applications later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.321, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

FEE PAYMENT

Applicants request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely entry of this terminal disclaimer.

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